

MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the Missouri Veterans Commission

Held, pursuant to notice

August 11, 2009 — 10:00 AM

**205 Jefferson Street, 1st Floor State Board of Education Room,
Jefferson City, MO**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
In attendance: Chairman Joseph Frank; Member John Comerford;
Member Paul Connors; Member Emmett Fairfax; Member Nancy Nelson
Larry Kay, Secretary and Executive Director
- C. Introductions
Guests and staff present:
 - 1. Guest: Michael Bruns; Robert Osborn; Deborah Halter; James
Floyd; Marcy Mealy; Trent Griffith; John Eckhoff; Richard Heigert;
Jack Matthews; Lynn Dorrell; Dave Morgan; Jessie Jones; Tracy
Della Vecchia; George Newell; Lee Smith; Calvin Taylor; Raphael
Wahwassuk; Shari Grewe; Chuck Hayden; Sallie Houser-
Hanfelder; John Moon; Stephen Gaither; Andrea Wiggins;
Jonathon Goebel; Michelle Beightel; Charles Goodin; Frank
Prosser; Kathleen Fogarty; Bob Worrell; Harold Menzel; Larry
Daniels; Bill Byington; Jerry Bay; Michael Elmore; Carlos Escobar;
Anthony Bamvakais; Adam Gresham; Dewey Riehn; Marsha
Young
 - 2. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director;
Anne Payne, Superintendent of Homes; Stan Baughn, Director
Cemetery Program; Doug Meyer, Director Veteran Services
Program; Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations; Diane
Kemna, Accountant; Pat Rowe-Kerr, Senior Advisor Veterans
Outreach; Daniel Bell, Public Relation Office; Jamie Reed,
Operation Outreach; Melissa Wilding, State Veteran Ombudsman

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commission Meeting minutes April 28, 2009
Commissioner Comerford made a motion to approve the minutes of April
28, 2009 and Commissioner Fairfax seconded the motion. The minutes
were unanimously approved as written.

III. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

A. Executive Director's Report was delivered by Larry Kay

Personnel Changes: Stan Baughn, Director Cemetery Program; Doug Meyer Director Veteran Services Program; Melissa Wilding, State Veteran Ombudsman ; Pat Rowe-Kerr, Senior Advisor Veterans Outreach

Copies of the Game Plan were distributed.

Communication Guide will be completed by end of FY2010

Annual Report first draft completed

Outlining three Tasks Forces:

1. Listening Post Task Force – MVC leading a statewide task force to assess the needs of Missouri's Veterans. Partnering with agencies, groups, and individuals plan to conduct a series of town hall meetings to solicit input representative of Missouri's Veteran population. Findings will be compiled and assessed. A report on recommendations will be presented to the Governor in November. Introduction of Task Force Members.
2. Outreach Task Force
3. Legislative Task Force – Working with MAVO, MONG, MMPEC

B. Program Reports were delivered by Anne Payne, Stan Baughn, Doug Meyer

C. Staff Reports were delivered by Tim Norton, Diane Kemna, Larry Kay

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Vice-Chair – Chairman Frank stepped down from his position as Chair and turned the meeting over to Member Nelson. Member Nelson then opened for nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission. Member Frank made a motion to elect Member Comerford to serve as the Vice Chair for the Missouri Veterans Commission. Member Nelson seconded to motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Statement of Support for the Guard & Reserve – Member Comerford made a motion to adopt the Support Statement as reported. Member Fairfax seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board - Adoption of Missouri Veterans Commission Resolution 09-03 rescinding Resolution 08-04. Member Fairfax made a motion to adopt Resolution 09-03. Member Comerford seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Cape Girardeau Easement – Tim Norton reported

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. GUEST REMARKS/PUBLIC COMMENT

James Floyd, Director VA Heartland Network VISN 15; Sally Houser-Hanfelder, Director VAMC Columbia; Carlos Escobar, Director VAMC St. Louis; Chuck Hayden, Director VAMC Poplar Bluff; Marcy Mealy, MMPEC; Anthony Bamvakais, MNG; George Newell, MAVO & VVA; John Eckhoff, St. Louis County Human Services; Deborah Halter, Former Commissioner; Dave Morgan, State Commander VFW; Charles Goodin, State Commander American Legion; Larry Daniels, State Adjutant DAV; Robert Osborn, KWVA; Kathleen Fogarty, Director of the Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks; Mike Bruns, AmVets; Marsha Young

VII. NEXT MEETING

Chairman Frank announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in Jefferson City.

VIII. ADJOURMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Frank adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L.D. Kay", is written over a horizontal line.

Larry D. Kay, Secretary